

Chair, Members of the Committee:

I rise in opposition to this bill. My name is Ryan Morton and I'm a homosexual. I'm a queer, gay, faggoty homosexual and proud of it. This bill is a direct attack on city's and the people they choose to protect, people like me. This bill does nothing to stop child molesters or any other delusion of cross dressing criminals rampaging through women's restrooms. What this bill stops is protection for people like me in Missoula and Bozeman or any other community who wishes to grant us protection.

Protection from what? Well, in Missoula, the battle was fought over bathroom access so let's use that. I pay \$40 a month to attend a local gym. I pay for use of all the facilities. In Helena, if the owners found out I was gay, they could refuse me entrance to the locker room and showers without repercussions. I paid for use of those facilities. I'm not a criminal or a pervert. Yet, without protection I risk the real loss of value of services I pay for month to month. Non-discrimination ordinances for me offer a very real protection of my personhood and my right to services and accommodations.

Now here I stand testifying on a bill that would disallow cities to do what this legislature clearly can't: provide protection to people who truly need it. What rational basis do you have in denying cities with self-governing powers to shape their communities in the manner they see fit? There is none. Once you get past the ridiculous notion of cross dressing child molesters ravaging women's restrooms, all you have is "Bible this, and Bible that." While I'm positive my upbringing and knowledge of Judeo-Christian theology and scripture is stronger than most, I've given up arguing over people's belief systems. If you honestly believe that I'm going to burn and rot in hell for eternity, well, good for you! Just leave me be.

At the end of the day, all I ask is for a live and let live attitude. To do that, I need protection from people who support this bill. They call me a pervert, a sinner. They call AIDS a gay disease. Just because the gay community took the CORRECT actions to address HIV/AIDS – unlike both the Reagan and Bush, Sr. administration – doesn't make it a gay disease. They say they feel sorry for me because I'm gay. I walk in fear when a stranger yells out words like fag and faggot and I cringe when children refer to things as gay – meaning stupid. *God hates gays - my personal favorite.*

Shame on anyone who refuses to acknowledge this discrimination, this fear, and this hatred people like me endure and have endured for decades – even before some of us knew we were this way. Shame on anyone who says that anti-discrimination ordinances provide me special rights – you've never walked in my shoes. Shame on anyone who votes pro-discrimination – you're turning back the clock for civil rights.

This bill is pro-discrimination. This bill is homophobic and transphobic. This bill violates cities' self-governing powers. This bill is not the mandate you came to this session to prove. Do not pass on this bill. Thank you.

Ryan Morton

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Screaming queens and wedding bells

So it's a good thing, really, that Chico hot springs isn't closer. The S.O. and I spent a long weekend and plenty of pocket change there after attending a wedding in Bozeman.

Chico had copies of the Billings Gazette on its coffee tables, and there I read about a wedding in England that reminded me of happenings around Missoula. A Very Important gay Person in England got hitched, and in a Very Important Place. **That story here.** (Matching solid purple ties? Really??)

There's no wedding planned for Council Chambers as far as I know, but there is a hearing coming up on the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance. Ryan Morton, a native Missoulian and frequent commenter on Red Tape, forwarded his letter to Mayor John Engen and the Missoula City Council about the proposal. It's to protect folks from being booted from homes and jobs because of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

I've pasted his letter below. Again, thanks to folks who are using their real first and last names to comment; please don't call people names in this sandbox. Without further ado, Morton's letter:

"Council Members and Mayor (and anyone else who ends up reading this):

I am queer, 31 year old male. I spent over a decade suffering from internalized homophobia because of overwhelming intolerance of homosexuality socially and in a religious context. After all those years of hating myself because of my sexuality, I finally came out to myself. Relief? Not exactly. I've spent nearly another decade recovering from low self-esteem, depression, and anxiety due to years of self-hatred and the homophobia from others. I am just one type of person your ordinance could protect, but my story is not unusual.

From birth, the ideas of sex, gender, and sexuality are pounded into people – regardless of whether any particular person fits the common, heterosexual model. So, most of us 'queers' first learn homophobia early on in life. At puberty, homophobia becomes internalized when youth don't understand why they have same-sex urges. Coupled with social and religious 'teachings,' teenagers become prone to mental illness or worse barbaric 'treatments' to make them 'not-gay.' Gay teens are at some of the highest risks for suicide.

For others, their genital sex doesn't seem to fit. I can't imagine the confusion and struggle they go through growing up. I remember the story of Brandon Teena who was raped and killed by his friends – his friends – when they discovered he was female-to-male (FTM). I have been blessed to have several FTM friends in Missoula and have heard their stories of discrimination time and time again. What a wonderful group of people to bless the city of Missoula with their presence!

For intersexed children, their parents and doctors often sex the child at birth without any particular rhyme or reason. These people sometimes grow up discovering that their parents and doctors made the wrong choice and have to seek sex re-assignment.

Anyhow, if one is lucky enough to make it through school and enter the real world, they end up navigating relationships, careers, and, yes, decisions about bathrooms often in hiding not wanting to be recognized as different. This phenomenon is often referred to as 'passing.'

Why do LGBTIQ people feel the need to 'pass?' The answer is simple: discrimination. Don't ask, don't tell. Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. God hates faggots.

One way to curb discrimination is through the ordinance you are considering. People have the right to have discriminatory thoughts, but acting them out in a way that hurts people is unacceptable. Please pass this ordinance and state definitively that it is NOT ok to discriminate on the grounds of sex, gender, sexuality, or any other unprotected class of citizens.

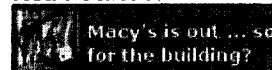
As far as the potty crusaders are concerned, if this ordinance fails because of some argument about heterosexual pedophiles who think cross-dressing will permit them bathroom entry, I'm going to be one nasty, screaming queen. As someone who has shared a restroom and locker room with many a cross-dresser, drag queen, and FTM, I have NO concern about bathroom entry. Trolling for young children in bathrooms and locker rooms is a nasty stereotype that is so intolerable, I can't think of anything else to do but laugh at people who think that way. So many LGBTIQ people are loving, caring parents, teachers, public safety officers, and more who constantly look out for the GOOD of children – not to prey on them. Some of my best years were spent teaching children English as a Second Language around the world – never a thought to sexually prey upon them. There simply is no link between being LGBTIQ and being a pedophile. It's completely nonsensical. Oh, and as a former Boy Scout – I could have really used a queer mentor at that time in my life. Really.

The discrimination is real. The fear surrounding the ordinance is simply smoke and mirrors – a perspective held in deeply rooted beliefs that society should only be structured around a

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heterosexual reality. Look through the smoke and mirrors and pass the ordinance to make a real difference in Missoula. I had planned to testify at the hearing, but may not be able to make it.

Hope you are well.

–
 Ryan Morton"

– Keila Szpaller

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John:

March 30th, 2010 at 3:06 pm

Kudos Mr. Morton – exemplary. I hope someone, perhaps the mayor, will do this statement the honor of reading it into the record.

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Ty Webb:

March 30th, 2010 at 5:22 pm

Don't be obsessed with your desires Kayla.

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Jed Taylor:

March 30th, 2010 at 8:27 pm

Exceptional letter, Ryan. It really deserves to be read in public during the hearing, if not by you, then by someone who can attend.

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Bunk in the West:

March 30th, 2010 at 9:21 pm

[...] on March 30, 2010 by Binky This is so good, I'll copy and paste it [...]

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Joan the Wedding Girl:

March 31st, 2010 at 3:16 pm

I had no idea that our British high-profile gay wedding was news so far away. I commented at the time that it will help raise the profile of same sex marriages. Seems if it's getting a mention across the Atlantic already it can only be a good

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thing.

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"Flush the fear"

A group of, ahem, named folks is coming together at www.flushthefear.com to show the faith community's support for equality, LGBT folks and the non-discrimination ordinance.

"Our group will be a leader in articulating God's justice and ministry of inclusion and hospitality," reads the Web site.

The name, "Flush the Fear," looks like a direct response to Notmybathroom.com, which aims to defeat the human rights ordinance and is led in part by anti-obscenity crusader Dallas Erickson of Stevensville.

The position statement from Flush the Fear begins like this:

All people should be free from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Faith communities value dignity, fairness, diversity, and justice, and we know our strength as a community is based on treating each other fairly and with respect. Our group will be a strong and peaceful voice for the full inclusion of the LGBT community in non-discrimination policy.

This group is being organized by the following faith leaders, according to the Web site:

Pastor Amy Carter, United Church of Christ
 Reverend Jean Collins, Episcopal
 Pastor Peter Shober, United Church of Christ
 Pastor Jean Larson, Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Web site quotes a Bible verse from Micah 6:8, too. "What does God require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Did the line to the bathroom just get longer?

— Keila Szpaller

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Geoff Badenoch:

March 31st, 2010 at 3:11 pm

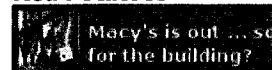
Looks like these people are trying to peddle a heaping pile of love, compassion and forgiveness. Fortunately, no one around here has cornered that market so there's plenty of room for everybody to be a supplier.

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Dallas:

March 31st, 2010 at 4:21 pm

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Do these same people care if this ordinance would allow men to go into bathrooms, showers and locker rooms of women and children? I think a majority of women and children and parents would be concerned about this. Whether the man in the locker room did anything or not it would strike fear and concern in the hearts of parents and children. In fact, in Missoula the man could be standing in the women's room totally nude and there is no law to stop him unless it can be proven it was for the "sexual gratification" of himself or someone else. There have been cases in Missoula where people were nude in public places and the law enforcement could not use the indecent exposure law. They did use the disorderly conduct law but recognized that it didn't apply.

I notice the "flush the fear" group is highly involved in flushing the facts and is being assisted by the liberal media in Missoula. Will this law allow men in girls locker rooms or not? A clear reading of the ordinance under the definition of "Public Accommodations" and section 9.64.040 of the ordinance clearly reveals the truth which the Missoulaian and "flush the fear" have flushed.

Read the ordinance, read the ordinance, don't let these "flushers" fool you.



Ryan Morton:

March 31st, 2010 at 4:58 pm

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No. The law does not allow entry or prohibit entry into any bathroom or locker room.

Consider the following:

- 1) Crossdressing males are often heterosexual and only crossdress because they like crossdressing. It has nothing to do with sexual gratification or sexuality.
- 2) Drag queens are gay males who crossdress for show/performance/fun. Similar analysis for drag queens but different women performing as men.
- 3) FTMs often continue using the women's room until they can 'pass' as a man.
- 4) MTFs often continue using the men's room until they can 'pass' as a woman.
- 5) For both FTMs and MTFs, hormones and surgery are required that allow them to more anatomically 'pass.' This has to do with their self-identified sex and NOT sexual gratification.
- 6) The only class of person who might do what you're saying is a heterosexual, male sex predator. Heterosexual, male sex predators are NOT a protected class under the proposed ordinance.

If you have fears about heterosexual, male sex predators, focus your attention on how to curb that problem and leave this proposed ordinance alone.

Kisses.



Surprised:

April 1st, 2010 at 7:22 am

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... that despite all the ruffing and date-raping that goes on in the downtown hetero-sexual culture, it's homosexuals—who by nature pose no risk whatsoever to the opposite sex—who draw the intense apparent paranoia and fear from social conservatives downtown.

This is strange.



Dallas:

April 1st, 2010 at 9:31 am

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Ryan, Are you saying homosexuals, lesbians, cross dressers, transgenders and others of the "gender identity" and "gender expression" classes don't molest children? You have another think coming. Check the stats in San Francisco and many other areas including Montana. You are also wrong about heterosexual's not being protected in the ordinance since they are included in the definition of "sexual orientation".

Your statement about heterosexuals being one class who might take advantage of this law is certainly accurate and is a good reason not to pass the ordinance as it will put women and children, especially, at risk.

"Surprised's" statement is one of denial. The news is full of organizations that allowed homosexual men in leadership positions that ended up molesting little boys by the gross.

There is no paranoia on our side, there certainly is concern because we don't flush the facts. Read the ordinance. Read the ordinance.



Victim:

April 1st, 2010 at 11:16 am

Oh please Dallas. You are grasping at straws now.... The fear thing only gets you so far.

But I am fearful. I am fearful of the frat culture in Missoula.

I am fearful of heterosexual males.

I am fearful of being beaten, raped or worse.

I am fearful that there is a WELL known establishment in Missoula whose employees deal drugs that are used against young women.

And the reason I am fearful of the drugging of young women by heterosexual men in Missoula is that it happened to me.

Suprised is not in denial. And before you come after me Dallas, I read the ordinance. Is it something I whole heartedly support? Not really. But only because I believe that equality is an inherent right, and the fact that our society has to pass non-discrimination ordinances for that to be true just makes me sad.

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Ryan Morton:

April 1st, 2010 at 12:03 pm

Dallas:

Sexual predators are not unique to any class of person. Anti-discrimination ordinances cannot and will not change sex predator behavior. So again, if sexual predators is the issue - focus on that. Things to consider for your efforts instead:

- 1) Raising awareness about sexual violence.
- 2) Targeted prevention for vulnerable populations.
- 3) Sex education and the importance of respecting your and others' bodies.
- 4) Raising money for public safety infrastructure and networks.
- 5) Support the YWCA.
- 6) Be a good role model and be a leader in respecting all people and their right to safety, non-discrimination, and happiness.

Just some thoughts.

Ryan

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Dallas:

April 1st, 2010 at 6:06 pm

7) Making restrooms, showers and locker rooms safe for women and children and protected from anyone from the opposite sex.

⊗ Avoid forcing the Boy Scouts of America and the Catholic Church from allowing homosexuals in leadership positions to protect the young boys from molestation and act that has proven the connection and proven how organizations should be allowed to hire whom they choose.

9) Avoid unnecessary laws that take the rights of American's away because of a perception in some people's mind that the law is needed.

10) Avoid passing a law that will allow the ACLU to challenge the Montana Marriage Amendment through the liberal courts in Missoula and the activist Montana Supreme Court as the ACLU has plans to do.

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Dallas:

April 1st, 2010 at 6:07 pm

No smiley face intended.

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Ryan Morton:

April 1st, 2010 at 6:33 pm

on your 7) that would require a whole new ordinance as THIS ORDINANCE has NOTHING to do with bathroom ENTRY.

on your 8.) boys were molested before this ordinance in those organizations - read the news ever? sexual predators exist regardless of any of our best efforts. there is, however, NO connection between sex, gender, or sexual orientation AND sexual predators. for example, a man who goes to jail for raping a woman will contain raping men in prison - not because prison made them gay, but because they're RAPISTS. sexual assault like you speak of is a pathology not a sexuality. your accusations are offensive, demeaning, backward, and plain wrong.

on your 9) no rights will be taken away.

on your 10) the marriage amendment is demeaning to everyone and to marriage itself. it should be overturned.

again, i think there's better ways for you to spend your time. fight sexual assault on the fronts that are meaningful. there's simply no logical connection between this ordinance and sexual assault. you should read up on sexual assault before claiming that your opposition to this ordinance is about protecting the kids from sex predators. really. you look silly and ignorant in your persistence.

btw - the kids are fine - it's the narrow-minded, discriminatory adults that need the help.

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Dallas:

April 1st, 2010 at 9:31 pm

People are always saying there are better things for me to do. Let me decide that and you decide what you will do.

Can you read? If so read the ordinance especially the definition of Public Accommodations.

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Then read 9.64.040. Do you know how to read "bathroom"? It is there. Do you know what "facilities" means? Do you think it means bathrooms? Do you know what gender identity means? Do you know what gender expression means? Read the definitions. A man who likes to dress like a woman is included, for example. If the man who likes to dress like a woman goes into a woman's shower or locker room or bathroom and strips, which sometimes happens in those places, then you have a man in a woman's bathroom. And you claim that it doesn't cover bathrooms and entry into such? You must have problems with your glasses!! Please don't flush the facts.



Ryan Morton:

April 1st, 2010 at 9:44 pm

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"(a) "Public accommodation" means a place that caters or offers its services, goods, or facilities to the general public subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons. It includes without limitation a public inn, restaurant, eating house, hotel, roadhouse, place where food or alcoholic beverages or malt liquors are sold for consumption, motel, soda fountain, soft drink parlor, tavern, nightclub, trailer park, resort, campground, barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring salon or shop, bathroom, resthouse, theater, swimming pool, skating rink, golf course, cafe, ice cream parlor, transportation company, or hospital and all other public amusement and business establishments.

(b) Public accommodation does not include an institution, club, or place of accommodation that proves that it is by its nature distinctly private. An institution, club, or place of accommodation may not be considered by its nature distinctly private if it has more than 100 members, provides regular meal service, and regularly receives payment for dues, fees, use of space, facilities, services, meals, or beverages, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of nonmembers, for the furtherance of trade or business. For the purposes of this subsection (20), any lodge of a recognized national fraternal organization is considered by its nature distinctly private."

So - they have to provide access to public restrooms and there's a big exception for private accommodations. I don't see in the definition or prohibition on discrimination where it governs who enters what bathroom. A man can enter a woman's bathroom now. How does the ordinance change that?

oh, and I'm 100% positive I know more about gender expression than you do. you only think about sexual predators as a form of gender expression. it's really disgusting.



Dallas:

April 1st, 2010 at 10:51 pm

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Ryan, Don't put words in my mouth. Sexual predators can come from any gender and sexual orientation whatever you want to consider in those groups. It is really disgusting that you do that. Do you see the word bathroom in the part of the ordinance you pasted? It is there. Now look in 9.64.040 and read the word "facilities". That would include bathrooms in Public Accommodations which included all Churches, organizations over 100 in membership and all businesses. So bath rooms are included. There really is no "private accommodations" unless the Church or organization has less than 100 members. (Where did that come from and why?)

A business or a father or a mother now has the right to keep a man out of a woman's or child's bathroom and do so by force because the standard in law is "sex at birth". With this law the standard will be "whatever the person feels at the time sex." There will be NO standard. Everything will go.



Chicken Little:

April 1st, 2010 at 11:45 pm

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There will be NO "standards"??? None? Like none at all??

The sky is falling! The sky is falling! The sky is falling!



Anxious:

April 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 am

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Please, Chicken Little. I have anxiety. You do not help it.

Your alarmist rhetorics cause me stress and give me gas.

It makes me grind my teeth.

Please be sensitive to others Chicken Little, and not just concerned with your own excitement.

Now I have gas. See.



Ryan Morton:

April 2nd, 2010 at 8:24 am

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"With this law the standard will be "whatever the person feels at the time sex."

There will be NO standard. Everything will go."

Gender and Sex Identity is not "whatever the person feels at the time sex." Check your grammar btw.

Anyhoo, if you have a "public" bathroom, you can't refuse use of it. The ordinance doesn't state which bathroom. Some bathrooms are already gender neutral or they only allow one person at a time to use it. Further, last time I was in a woman's bathroom all the toilets were stalls with doors.

Let's take a different route perhaps. Which bathrooms DO YOU THINK LGBTIQ people should use? By your logic about sex crimes, you might say that I as a queer homosexual should not enter a the mens room. Is that true? What about male coaches who enter girls locker rooms? Is that wrong?



Chicken Little:

April 2nd, 2010 at 9:19 am

I apologize for giving Anxious gas. May I recommend Tums?

Furthermore, with all of this hulabaloo regarding bathrooms, I cannot help but wonder what bathroom I, as a chicken, would be allowed to use.

Any input on this would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise I may truly believe that the sky is in fact falling.

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Dallas:

April 2nd, 2010 at 3:47 pm

You forget about showers and locker rooms. So a man can walk into your daughter's locker room or shower at school or at the swimming pool and sits down on the bench and watches. What can you do about that after the ordinance passes?

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Patti Kanduch:

April 2nd, 2010 at 6:16 pm

Flush the Fear, I think what they really mean is Flush the facts and truth.

Here are some facts for you that are also the truth.

Homosexuals are 2 percent of the population and are responsible for 20 percent to 40 percent of child molestation.

Homosexual child molestation is 10 to 20 times greater than of heterosexual. Homosexual teachers are from 90 to 100 times more likely to molest students than heterosexual teachers.

Homosexual Alfred Kinsey, the preeminent sexual researcher in the history of sexual research, found in 1948 that 37 percent of all male homosexuals admitted to having sex with children under 17.

1988 study in "Archives of Sexual Behavior" found 86 percent of pedophiles described themselves as homosexuals.

An editorial in the San Francisco Sentinel, a member of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist's Association, claimed that the love between men and boys is at the foundation of homosexuality. For the gay community to imply that boy-love is not homosexual love is ridiculous.

The Justice Department realed that 67 percent of all reported sex abuse victims are children and 64 percent of forcible sodomy victims are boys under 12.

Dr. Judith Reisman, expert witness before the attorney general's commission on pornography says homosexuals are anxious to recruit young boys.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reported: 50 percent of male AIDS victims reported having sex with an adult male by the age of 16.

CBS news said in 1991 a Scout leader was being tossed out for child molestation at the rate of one every three days. Criminal background checks are now required for Scout leaders.

Homosexual activists don't try to hide the connection with pedophilia. In The Gay Report—a book published back in 1979 — authors Karla Jay and Allen Young found 73 percent of those surveyed had had sexual relations with males 16 to 19 or younger.

All you have to do is watch the news and see all the young boys molested by homosexual priest. This is so sad so much damage has been done to the victims, to the Church, and to the souls of many whose faith has been shaken or destroyed by this scandal.

Dallas is right, we need to stop this ordinance.

"Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Where in have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD..." —Malachi 2:17

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Ryan Morton:

April 4th, 2010 at 8:52 pm

Ok. I just came from a lovely easter dinner with my family and had to read this crap.

Where would you like LGBTIQ people to go to the bathroom?

Sexual assault is still a crime with or without this ordinance. Why is sexual assault a reason to vote against the ordinance? I am not pedophile or sexual predator. Why should I be discriminated against?

Smoke and mirrors won't defeat the ordinance. just sayin'.

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Dallas:

April 4th, 2010 at 11:03 pm

Look in the mirror. That may help.

Again, read the ordinance. It would require a change in the present "birth sex standard" to "whatever you feel like today standard".

For the safety of our women and children we do not need that change. Does it make sense to make all the women and children fearful and apprehensive about going to the bathroom to make a handful of people suffering with gender issues comfortable?

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Ryan Morton:

April 5th, 2010 at 9:38 am

There's no such thing as whatever you feel like today standard. Where is that coming from?

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Patti Kanduch:
April 5th, 2010 at 11:12 am
Ryan,

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The truth is never crap. I am not opposing this ordinance just because of the bathroom issues. I oppose it because if it passes homosexuals could become school teachers, Boy Scout leaders, Youth Group leaders, and endanger many young boys. These are all positions homosexuals target.

Those who engage in homosexual sex seek what they term "gay rights". In reality they are demanding Super Rights. They want to override other citizens' unalienable rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of expressive association. And they want to punish those who would exercise these rights.

Councilwoman Stacy Rye said my claims about homosexuals are disingenuous and misrepresent data. She says the Department of Women's and Gender Studies of the University of Montana, uses Dr. Carole Jenny's research on child molestation. The fatal flaw of this study is that it studied sexually abused children with a mean age of just 6.1 years. Young boys 11-14 are the most targeted by homosexuals, the next group are 15-17.

Ryan I am sure you can see why we oppose this ordinance. We will never give up our Constitutional rights, traditional values and put young boys at risk in class rooms, youth groups and Boy Scouts. You want us to give this all up just so the LGBTIQ can have a bathroom they would feel comfortable in. I don't know how the City Council could even consider such an ordinance.



Teacher:
April 5th, 2010 at 11:56 am

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News flash. There are homosexual teachers, youth leaders, etc. Even in Montana! There are gay senators (cough Larry Craig cough)

Hell you probably have a gay neighbor, gay gym trainer and a gay relative.

You just don't know because contrary to "popular belief" homosexuals do not have tattoos on their forehead.

And it is oppose. Not appose. Maybe you need to go back to school. And yes sometimes the truth is crap. Because the truth is that there are still bigoted people in the world. And I believe that is crap. Utter crap.



Anne Cruikshank:
April 5th, 2010 at 11:57 am

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I'm sure I can't change your mind Patti, but I am curious as to why your concern is all for young boys being "targeted" by gay men, but no concern is expressed about all the young girls and women who are attacked by heterosexual men. One in four women will be sexually victimized in their lifetimes - usually by a family member. Seems like heterosexual men are more to be feared than gays, and even male heterosexual predators are in the minority - most men are not sexual predators. Doesn't this info make your issue with this proposed ordinance seem like a non-issue?



Ryan Morton:
April 5th, 2010 at 12:01 pm

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As a former teacher, camp counselor and boy scout, you're brand or "truth" is crap. Calling me a danger to young boys is beyond offensive. No one's targeting anyone except you and Dallas.

Further, you're not giving up any constitutional right. In fact, the ordinance furthers the 14th amendment in many ways.

Super Rights? really? what does that even mean?

what about my inalienable rights? freedom to enter public places i'd like, freedom FROM your religion, and freedom of self-expression to be queer as i want to be?



Patti Kanduch:
April 5th, 2010 at 2:45 pm
Anne,

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On "Child Molestation by homosexuals and heterosexual" by Brian W. Lowes and David L. Sonnier. The graph is about homosexual abuse. 2005 graph 11-14 year old boys-4500 molested, girls 400. Age 15-17 year old boys 3500 molested, girls 300 molested. Boys 8-10 1000 boys molested, girls 200. Gay men target young boys. As you can see lesbians targeting young girls is very low. The facts are homosexuals molest 20-40 percent more than heterosexuals.

Ryan I am not calling you personally a danger to young boys. But the fact is a lot of young boys are hurt by homosexuals. The Boy Scouts of America have so many law suits because so many boys have been hurt by the homosexual community. One Scout leader alone molested 150 young boys.

The homosexuals also lobby to lower the age of sexual consent. Why do you think they do this. Some states are down to 14. Holland has it down to 12.

In a homosexual travel guide they put in there where they can pick up young boys and which country is best. You never see travel guides for heterosexuals how to pick up young boys.

Dr. Brian W. Clowes, Ph.D, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. In 1995 he became the director of research and training for Human Life International.

Yes there are gay teachers and gay youth group leaders and they are 90-100 more likely to molest students than heterosexual teachers. In a nationwide survey of school principals showed that they received 13 times as many complaints about homosexuals sexually molesting students than they did about heterosexuals molesting students.

Mr. David Sonnier is an assistant professor of Computer science at Lyon College in Batesville,

Arkansas.



Anne Cruikshank:

April 5th, 2010 at 3:19 pm

I did a Google search on the authors of the article you mention, and they seem to be published mostly in Catholic publications and something called "Freerepublic.org." And Human Life International is also similarly slanted. Forgive me if I think that the authors and therefore the studies may be a little biased. And since you don't give any figures on the amount of heterosexual abuse (your words: "The graph is about homosexual abuse") I am wondering how you figure that "homosexuals molest 20-40 percent more than heterosexuals."

I don't know where you got "homosexuals also lobby to lower the age of sexual consent [sic]" - so I am going to guess that you pulled that out of thin air.

Actually I think you pulled a lot of this out of thin air - "school principals showed that they received 13 times as many complaints about homosexuals sexually molesting students than they did about heterosexuals molesting students." Even if I assume this is true without any documentation, what we have here is a thing called "correlation does not equal causation." To explain, let me give you an example. Say that 60% of people in prison are minorities. "Aha," you say, "Minorities commit more crimes than non-minorities!" This is of course erroneous because you have failed to consider that a white person who happens to commit the same crime as a minority tends to get a MUCH more lenient sentence, if sentenced at all. Sexual abuse (especially on women) is notoriously under-reported. You can't know how many heterosexual teachers molested their students if the student never reported it.

What I do know is that not one of my gay friends is a child molester, but I can give you a list a mile long of women I know who have been sexually victimized by heterosexual men. That's not a jab at straight men, just pointing out that child molesters are in the minority of any group.

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Dallas:

April 5th, 2010 at 3:24 pm

Only homosexuals molest boys. Ask the Catholics and the Boy Scouts what they learned from allowing homosexuals to work with boys. Ask them also about the major drop in molestations of boys when they quit allowing homosexuals into their programs?

It is right there in black and white for everyone to see.

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Chicken Little:

April 5th, 2010 at 3:42 pm

Hey Dallas!

The Emperor has no clothes!

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Chicken Little:

April 5th, 2010 at 3:45 pm

Oh wait.. that's not my story. Oops.

THE SKY IS FALLING!

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Ryan Morton:

April 5th, 2010 at 4:49 pm

Time to exit, stage left. Dallas and Patti - you're made for each other. Thank you for proving the need for anti-discrimination laws by calling homosexuals child molesters. I wish I could use my status in society to regularly attack your self-concepts - but then again, if I could, would I? Probably not. I'll leave that to you.

See you on the 12th. I'm definitely coming now just to see everyone's shiny faces and make sure some queer uses the bathroom every time you do.

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Stan Birkland:

April 8th, 2010 at 3:42 am

Wonderful post! This could help a good deal of folks understand about this matter. Do you need to incorporate video clips together with these? It would not having any doubt help out. Your cause was spot on and owing to you; I probably will not need to detail every little factor to my buddies. I can just direct them here. I can't figure out tips on how to subscribe towards the comments by means of feedburner. I need to hold on leading of this, just how can I accomplish that?

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Patti Kanduch:

April 9th, 2010 at 5:17 pm

Anne, I don't pull things out of thin air.

Here are a few facts: The International Epidemiological Association concluded that homosexual and bisexual lifestyle expectancy was 8 to 20 years less than all heterosexual men. Most male homosexuals will die before they are 45. Only 2 percent will make it to 65.

Family Research Institute founder and psychologist Paul Cameron said Homosexuals are 2 percent of the population and account for between 25 percent and 40 percent of all child molestation. "Archives of Sexual Behavior" places it at 86 percent when the children being molested are male.

The Honorable Steve Baldwin is a author, researcher, and speaker on homosexual issues. Elected to the California State Assembly in 1994 said the homosexual community is driving

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the worldwide campaign to lower the legal age of consent.

The most popular travel guide for homosexuals, "Spartacus Gay Guides", is replete with information about where to find boys for sex and as a friendly warning, lists penalties in various countries for sodomy with boys if caught.

The Center of Disease Control (CDC) recently reported that as of the year 2000, there are now 31,293 AIDS cases in the 13-24 age category. Half of this age group said they had sex with adult men. However, one must realize incubation period is ten years.

Yesterday the American College of Pediatricians dispatched thousands of school superintendents across the United States with a warning that promoting or affirming the homosexual lifestyle to young children can be damaging them.



Ryan Morton:

April 9th, 2010 at 5:23 pm

so - LGBTIQ people should not have equal access to items listed in the ordinance?

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"Yesterday the American College of Pediatricians dispatched thousands of school superintendents across the United States with a warning that promoting or affirming the homosexual lifestyle to young children can be damaging them."

sexualizing children at all can be damaging. learning to accept that suzy has two daddies and not bully her is different than saying "gay sex is good and here's how to do it." if any adults 25+ years old are interested in the second question, feel free to contact me ☺



Patti Kanduch:

April 9th, 2010 at 6:15 pm

Ryan, I do what I do because I am concerned about young people being swept up in this life style. You were once a young boy, you could have been molested and hurt. You can see by all the facts there are a lot of boys being hurt by homosexuals. Schools are promoting it as a safe life style. The homosexual agenda wants new members. What kind of people would legislate homosexual rights and push a young person into homosexuality when they know it will end in death. You think I am the enemy, and they are your friends. I am more your friend than they are. I want you to come out of this life style and live. I don't want your mom to have a broken heart. Homosexuality is a big lie, people are dying.

"In a time of universal deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act" George Orwell

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Ryan Morton:

April 9th, 2010 at 8:32 pm

"Homosexuality is a big lie, people are dying."

how wrong you are. my desire developed through no choice of my own or the choice of someone else.

"You think I am the enemy, and they are your friends. I am more your friend than they are. I want you to come out of this life style and live."

this is the big lie. stop dwelling on my sexuality and attacking my self-concept. who are you to say such things anyway?

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Patti Kanduch:

April 10th, 2010 at 1:50 pm

Ryan, I know this is a big struggle in the life of homosexuals. I had a friend that was gay I went through grade school and high school with him. He was one of my best friends. He fought it his whole life. He died in his 40's of AIDS. He broke his mothers heart, and the world lost a really talented human being, and I lost a good friend. I would have told him the same thing I told you. If he would have listened to me maybe he would be alive today and enjoying the things he really enjoyed doing.

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Ryan Morton:

April 10th, 2010 at 6:10 pm

the struggle is yours not mine.

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Dallas:

April 10th, 2010 at 8:15 pm

She is a wise woman and loves the truth. Male homosexuals die early, that is a proven fact. If you want to chose an early death that is your choice but you need to think about it because you can change and make other choices, thousands have done so.

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Ryan Morton:

April 10th, 2010 at 9:52 pm

"Male homosexuals die early, that is a proven fact. If you want to chose an early death that is your choice but you need to think about it because you can change and make other choices, thousands have done so."

this must be the blog of insanity. peace out.

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Ryan Morton:
 April 12th, 2010 at 11:36 pm
 Tei Nash's daughter is my new personal hero!

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Sunly:
 April 21st, 2010 at 10:15 am
 "male homosexuals die early"? really? wow! so all those senior citizen homosexuals are...what? pretending to be gay in order to pick up chicks?

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i dont give a rat who's in the bathroom stall next to me if i have to pee. i care that there's toilet paper in my stall! the "sexes" share bathrooms all over the world, beginning AT HOME. with the HUGE amount of violence against people in EVERY OTHER VENUE across the globe, a transvestite or transgendered person in the bathroom is one of the last places most people have to worry about. public bathrooms are difficult to carry out rape and molestation in to begin with (and NO i'm not saying it doesnt happen) and to accuses transgendered persons of going in to the bathroom for the purpose of assaulting someone is ludicrous.

PEDOPHILES molest/rape children. one's sexual identity and/or gender DOES NOT make one a pedophile. the desire to have sex with children makes one a pedophile. PERIOD. your vast ignorance is showing if you think otherwise. get a damn clue.

if there's a pedophile in the bathroom i'm going to be the first person in line kicking some crap out of IT. if there's a person in the bathroom doing something like...oh i dont know...GOING TO THE BATHROOM...i dont give a damn who they are. problem is, a "pedophile's only" bathroom ordinance probably wont get too many takers so the extremists and alarmists have to jump on this "let's demonize the queer folk" bandwagon.

so let's force transgendered women into men's bathrooms and increase the likelihood that they will become targets of assault, rape and battery because that's soooooo much better than acknowledging that humanity has evolved to the point where gender is fluid (a fact arranged by god if one stops to consider that god's in charge...not the other way around) and work to protect one another against ALL violence rather than pretend issues and personal agenda.

and to the person who's worried that a naked man standing in the women's bathroom is protected under the law, i have this to say:

so? nudity does not incline one to be a sexual predator OR a pedophile. i'm nude every day. so are you. if you're afraid of the nude man in that public bathroom i'm thinking maybe you DONT GO IN!

why does no one get that INTIMIDATION is what we are supposed to be fighting...not one another. stop talking about homosexuality and transgendered people as though the concepts were some kind of mutant fly you want to pull the wings off of. human beings have been alternately gendered for centuries. it's not new. we just like to pretend that a penis makes you a man and a vagina makes you a woman and the only combination allowable is "opposites attract". this whole "stay out of my bathroom" thing is just another way to say "i want a way to legally hate you."

do you REALLY have nothing better to do than to demonize someone because they need a safe place to pee? isnt it enough that LGTB people can be LEGALLY discriminated against already? do you have to add another unsafe place to the list? did you ever stop to consider, just for a moment, that your focus on the LGTB community says more, to the negative, about YOU and less about anyone else?



NotScaredAnymore:
 May 1st, 2010 at 1:52 am

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Ryan-Dallas and this Patti lady have clearly lost their minds. It's unfortunate that there are people such as them in this world. It's because of their irrational ideologies that this world is getting worse, not better. They get in the way of what is really of the utmost importance and it is a disgrace. Ryan, just so you know, you are my hero ☺ The way in which you presented your arguments on this page was intelligent, mindful and respectful. Dallas and Patti, what you believe to be serious issues are non or very miniscule issues in the grand scheme of things.



Missoula will be the first town in Montana to say no to discrimination against trans-gender people or people with gender identity issues. « Sugar & Medicine:

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June 20th, 2010 at 3:40 pm

[...] advice from City Attorney Jim Nugent and Niki Zupanic, ACLU of Montana Public Policy Director.] Here's a post "Flush The Fear" on Missoula Red Tape blog with 44 comments from loc... Here's a few tidbits I gleaned from Mercedes' article on the subject "The [...]"

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Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance could be under fire in Helena

Missoula completed today interviews for Ward 2 candidates, and if you want to listen to the exchanges yourself, **check out the audio link here.**

Both the candidates Roy Houseman supports interviewed today. Cynthia Wolken, one of them, also forwarded an email about a possible move in Helena to "invalidate" the anti-discrimination ordinance Missoula adopted.

Wolken is chairwoman of the Montana Human Rights Network board of directors and executive board member of the Missoula County Democrats. She forwarded this note:

----- Forwarded message -----
 From: **Cynthia Wolken** <cynthia.wolken@gmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Jan 18, 2011 at 4:10 PM
 Subject: Legislative attack on Missoula's anti-discrimination ordinance
 To: mso-dems-e-board@googlegroups.com
 Hello,
 Rep. Kristen Hansen (R-Havre) has been working with Dallas Erickson on a bill that would prohibit - and invalidate - local anti-discrimination ordinances in Montana. Because this bill is still in the drafting process, there is no substantive language yet (I've spoken to the drafter, who provided me with general information). Obviously, there are more questions than answers at this point regarding the substance, breadth, and legality of the bill. It doesn't look like we will get draft language in the next week, which means any hearing is pretty far out. At this point, we just need to alert folks to its existence - I will continue monitoring it and pass along information as it comes. If you are tracking it in LAWS, draft information can be found here: [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws11/law0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_DFT_NO5=LC1865&Z_ACTION=Find](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws11/law0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_DFT_NO5=LC1865&Z_ACTION=Find)
 Jason - since this will restrict all counties from similar ordinances, I would strongly urge the County Chairs to put this on their conference call agenda. Missoula's lobbyist should also be on top of this. I will be working with ally groups such as the ACLU, MHRN, and Dem. Women's Caucus on this legislation.
 Please let me know if you have any questions.
 Cynthia

 Cynthia L. Wolken, Esq.

This bill could be great for whatever bus companies run from Missoula to Helena. I imagine quite a crowd would show up at the Capitol for any hearings.

- Keila Szpaller

Posted on January 19th, 2011 under Uncategorized • Tags: Cynthia Wolken, Missoula, Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance, Missoula County Democrats, Montana Human Rights Network, Roy Houseman. • RSS 2.0 feed • Both comments and pings are currently closed

23 Responses to "Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance could be under fire in Helena"



Ryan Emmett Morton:
 January 19th, 2011 at 5:46 pm
 Forget the buses! There's plenty of us here in Helena to take on Dallas and some dude from Havre.

Dallas: "Let's change the Montana Human Rights Act to ALLOW discrimination."

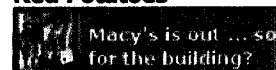
Dude from Havre: "Hey, great idea! I'm in the legislature and took an oath to uphold the Constitution - surely that doesn't include equal protection for the gays."

All I have to say is, "Bring it on. We're ready for you."

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Stacy Rye:
January 19th, 2011 at 9:37 pm
Go Ryan! Who on earth actively pushes to ALLOW or even promote discrimination?

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cautious:
January 20th, 2011 at 2:16 am
And the Mountain Lion Bus to the Parks and Recreation office to protest the nonsensical cutting of old growth Norway maples which clean our air of interstate CO2? Ms. Rye has been astonishingly silent on this topic. Methaphysics seem to attract much more fervor than cardiopulmonary facts.

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admin:
January 20th, 2011 at 10:50 am
"Cautious," I appreciate comments to Red Tape. In the future, I'd ask that you please use your real first and last name. I haven't laid out a policy, but this simple rule of engagement will be better for Red Tape in the long run. Thank you!

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- Keila



Dallas Erickson:
January 20th, 2011 at 12:45 pm
It sounds like Keila and others are proud of the fact that Missoula voters never got an opportunity to say whether they wanted the discrimination law. Because of corruption in the City Attorneys officer and the county offices and a corrupt judge there is a law in place that the people did not get to vote on and every effort was made to make sure there was no vote. Some may not be aware that most if not all of the gay agendas that have passed in the good old USA were not passed by the people but by the tyranny of the courts and the legal system. That system is alive and well in Missoula.

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I wish the gays would accept the fact that homosexuals can get out of that lifestyle as hundreds of thousands have proven. Their claim that people were "born that way" is causing extreme suicides in the homosexual community. ★

Keila is a wonderful lobbyist but makes a poor reporter if "fair and balanced" is important to the newspaper.



Ryan Emmett Morton:
January 20th, 2011 at 1:05 pm
Spoiler alert! Suicide occurs because people haven't normalized being LGBTIQ - so technically, you're part of that problem not the solution.

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Also, "the gays" only have "the gay agenda" to live full, free, open lives where they can be who they are without negative impacts to them or whom they love and love whom they choose. There's noting devastating, corrupt, or tyrannical about that, Mr. Erickson.

Further, you have no rational basis for getting a legislator to do your dirty work for you. LGBTIQ rights do not negatively affect anyone. They only positively affect people who are LGBTIQ and people who are bullied for being "the gay" but aren't. The ordinance from Missoula protects all people not just LGBTIQ people. That's worth repeating: The anti-discrimination ordinance protects ALL people not just LGBTIQ people.



Dallas Erickson:
January 20th, 2011 at 1:35 pm
Ryan, you lie or purposely mislead. I don't find fat, skinny, tall, short people on there. I don't find foster children or foster parents or homeless or rich or poor people or hundreds of other categories on there. The fact is that those on the list seek "special" treatment and other than those who take a religious position, guaranteed by the Constitution I may add, the LGBTIQ people chose to be on there. Their position is fluid. They can be gay one day but decide they are not later. The others on the list can't do that. The tyranny I spoke of was by the courts, not the homosexuals, unless the court people are homosexual and in some cases that is true and thrust their beliefs on the rest of us whether we like it or not. Voting is good. At least that is what I learned in school. They may not teach that anymore, or maybe on gay issues voting is not good.

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The gays and the gay support media doesn't even want there to be a discussion about the hundreds of thousands that have come out of the homosexual lifestyle. We don't want anyone to speak the truth that has stood the test of millennia of time.

Societies that have embraced sexual sin didn't last very long throughout history.



admin:
January 20th, 2011 at 1:43 pm
Thanks for visiting for the story, Dallas. I told you I'd fire back at your remarks here: I'm making an educated guess when I mention busloads of people descending on Helena. You were at the hearing in Missoula, too, and it was packed. Some of your folks turned out, but hordes of folks who support the ordinance were there. It's not a stretch to figure lots of Missoulians will roll to the Capitol if there's hearings. And that's an interesting phrase, "tyranny of the courts." In general and unrelated to any specific issue, I understand one job of the courts is to protect folks from the "tyranny of the majority." Maybe there's a move to take back the phrase. Anyway, on the courts, I'm reminded of this awesome profile of Judge Molloy:
http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/article_b95776dc-c379-11df-9e78-001cc4c03286.html.

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- Keila



Ryan Emmett Morton:

January 20th, 2011 at 1:53 pm

<http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2011/billpdf/LC1828.pdf>

Support the above bill.

Dallas: I'm not a liar. Fat, skinny, tall, short don't need to be on the list as they aren't a lower-classed citizen in reference to the majority. Discrimination, racism, sexism, etc. is based on power not height and weight or whatever other characteristic not related to power relations. Protection/anti-discrimination provides for equal treatment not special treatment.

People don't choose to be gay one day and then not the next day. That's completely irrational. Sexuality is a central, beautiful, and agreed fluid thing reaching into a person's core. You make it sound like some whimsical party game. "Tag! You're a fag!"

Sin? Ha! There it is! The "holier than thou attitude" judgment that underlies your thinking. Take that show somewhere else. I reject your religious beliefs on face.

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Dallas Erickson:

January 20th, 2011 at 3:20 pm

Remember, unless you are perfect Ryan, we are all sinners. But we should not endorse sin in the law. Adulterers, fornicators, those who abuse animals and many others are not on that list.

I personally know several people who thought they were gay at one time and realized they were not later.

Keila, I will let others decide if Malloy was a good judge but the judge in this case was working with those who did not want a vote of the people. No question about it.

Are you saying that the courts have a responsibility to protect child molesters, for example, from the will of the majority? In a Democratic Republic the majority rules and that is what has happened in this state for centuries on the homosexual issue.

It is interesting that Ms Obama can want to get rid of "fat" people because it is unhealthy but it is wrong to warn people about homosexuality and the diseases it causes and the decades it takes off of practising homosexual's lives. The resulting disease from such unhealthy activity is ignored by the media and the public. It seems only smart to discourage our youth from going into a lifestyle that will cause an early death. But we would rather ignore that fact.

The evidence is very clear about the tyranny of the courts on this issue. Not one state has endorsed gay marriage, for example. It has been forced on them by the courts. Most of the headway in the gay agenda has been because a court forced the issue on the people without a vote. Where a vote was allowed the gay agenda has been struck down. The Court here did not want a petition and sided with the City Attorney who purposely put a stop to it.

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Ryan Emmett Morton:

January 20th, 2011 at 3:30 pm

Don't associate me with people who abuse animals. That's totally irrational. Adulterers are protected and punished under the law - it's called divorce.

Fornicators is just a fancy word for people who have sex outside of marriage.

Clearly, they need no protection... well, condoms and all - just not legal protection.

Further, "sin" is an idea I don't share with you. I think the secular idea of "crime" makes sense, but not "sin." So save your typing fingers on making those points to me. I spent 10 years in Christian schools and don't need lessons about sin, stories from the bible, what would Jesus do, or how to find God in all things. Thanks, but no thanks. I respectfully disagree with your belief system.

I also know several people who thought they were gay at one time and realized they were not later - without "therapy" or "de-fagging." I am not one of those people, but I respect them and their ability to come to terms with themselves their own way. Anyhow, the "ex-gays argument" doesn't warrant discrimination against "the gays." Thanks, come again.

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Ryan Emmett Morton:

January 20th, 2011 at 3:47 pm

"It is wrong to warn people about homosexuality and the diseases it causes and the decades it takes off of practising homosexual's lives. The resulting disease from such unhealthy activity is ignored by the media and the public. It seems only smart to discourage our youth from going into a lifestyle that will cause an early death. But we would rather ignore that fact."

Woah. Rewind. What disease does homosexuality CAUSE? Any disease I can get YOU can get too, Dallas - gay, straight, or other (other is my new favorite demographic category btw). You are highly, and scarily mis-"informed."

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Ryan Emmett Morton:

January 20th, 2011 at 4:16 pm

<http://leg.mt.gov/css/sessions/62nd/legwebmessage.asp>

Go here to send a message to Ms. Hansen or whoever!

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Magdalen Marmon:

January 20th, 2011 at 6:06 pm

I feel confusion at the arguments of Mr. Erickson. First: the system of government that we set up passed laws by using their legal rights to make decisions rather than have a public vote and that was somehow wrong? We do not live in a democracy. We live in a democratic republic. We vote for representatives who then set up

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government systems and pass laws. The system was intentionally set up so as not to allow a full majority rule. The representatives have time (and presumably knowledge) that we do not have to understand the impact of the laws they pass. They are supposed to pass laws without our vote, and, no, they are not supposed to do what the majority wants all the time, because the majority is often very ill-informed.

Second; what is the point of the people who were gay but decided not to be argument? Is this somehow an argument that homosexuality is wrong? How? I know a number of people who used to proscribe to the drinking of milk lifestyle and now do not. They were able to change their natural ways by choice. Does that mean that those of us who still drink milk are sinners? Or is there some actual point that I am missing in this argument?



Dallas Erickson:

January 20th, 2011 at 6:28 pm

Ryan, there are a myriad of diseases that gays get because of the way they have sex that others don't have to worry about. The lie that heterosexuals spread AIDS at the rate that homosexuals do is bunk. Check the facts. The spread of AIDS

was caused by unclean sex in places that breed diseases. There is a lack of warning about that because we don't want to offend anyone. We tell them to use condoms which have almost a 30% failure rate.

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Anne Cruikshank:

January 20th, 2011 at 7:12 pm

Check the facts, you say?

Worldwide, more than 80 percent of all adult HIV infections have resulted from heterosexual intercourse.(1,2)

1. UNAIDS. Report on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic: December 2000.

2. UNAIDS. Report on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic: June 2000.

From: National Institutes of Health, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease

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watchdog:

January 20th, 2011 at 7:14 pm

Oh dear my and yes.....the first name last name code has brought the level of debate up to quite a high standard here. lol

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Ryan Morton:

January 20th, 2011 at 7:33 pm

Being gay causes HIV, huh? The irrational has clearly overtaken all sense of reason for you. Peace out. Hope you enjoy losing your cause... again.

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Dallas Erickson:

January 20th, 2011 at 11:51 pm

MM: When there is indication that those representing us don't vote the will of the people then the people should have recourse and have the right to vote. You sound like you think our Founding Fathers were tyrants who wanted to force the people to do something they didn't want to do. That is not the case. That is one reason the MT constitution gives people the right to petition to get a vote. Your statement that the majority is often ill informed comes directly from the Liberal text book. Our Founders did not believe that in the least. The point about people choosing not to be gay is to prove that people are NOT born homosexual. All the evidence indicates it is a choice. So should we encourage people to make a choice that is unhealthy and unproductive and goes against nature? That is what we are doing and the media plays a major part in not allowing one side to be heard.

AC: Your facts are world wide statistics that mean nothing. In many of the 3rd world countries the men have sex with men and then have sex with their wives and so even though AIDS was passed in heterosexual coupling the AIDS came from people who were involved in sticking things where they were never intended to be because that area is filthy and rampant with all kinds of germs and disease. The fact is, lest you forget, AIDS killed millions of homosexuals. It has killed very few heterosexual (in comparison) couples and none that have not had sex in a homosexual manner or had sex with someone who had sex with someone else in a homosexual manner. You picked up on the lies the homosexuals are passing around. HIV AIDS is a gay disease at it's core with many heterosexual victims collaterally.

RM: I did not say being gay causes AIDS. I said HIV AIDS is a gay disease as explained above. Do your research. It is not only AIDS but several diseases that are acquired through anal intercourse. That only makes sense because that is not the way we were intended to have sex and that organ is not clean, is it?

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Candace Stump:

January 21st, 2011 at 12:22 am

DE: I do not know where to begin.

Let's start with your last post: "Your statement that the majority is often ill informed comes directly from the Liberal text book. Our Founders did not believe that in the least." Actually, they overwhelmingly did. Originally, only white male landowners were allowed to vote, and even then, the state legislatures elected members of the Senate. (Look it up, dude.) How can this be a show of faith that the majority of the population were informed? Try looking up Alexander Hamilton, "The Federalist Papers," or, really, ANYTHING at all about the writing of Ye Olde Constitution.

Here's a start: "Electoral college... is a salient manifestation of the Founding Fathers' mistrust of the majority principle, a principle that is the fundamental dimension of a true democracy. Their misgivings, in fact, fears of the majority can be plainly seen in the Federalist papers. As

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brilliantly exposed by the leading political scientist Robert Dahl of Yale, the Founding Fathers were not seeking a "democracy;" rather, their objective was to create a "republic" (see his early work "A Preface to Democracy" and the recent "How Democratic is the US Constitution?") Of course, over time, the Framers' 18th century anti-democratism had to loosen up a little i.e., direct election of Senators, and so on. But what underlies the ideology of these revered Framers and their sacred document, the Constitution, is an utter fear from the populace and the common man."

A "gay disease": technically, this would be a disease that only affects persons who are gay, due to biological differences between "gay" and "not gay" people. According to you, "being gay" is a "choice," and there is no biological difference between "gay" and "not gay." By this argument, there can be no such thing as a "gay disease" because "the gays" are just like everyone else. SO, which is it? Because if being gay is not a choice, then your entire argument that they cannot be discriminated against is moot. But if it isn't a choice, then there's no such thing as a "gay disease." Which of these points will you give up?



Candace Stump:

January 21st, 2011 at 1:47 am

I just want to point out, maybe because it's so shocking, that, in fact, the person propagating these totally non-scientific ideas ("AIDS is a gay disease" and "AIDS killed millions of homosexuals. It has killed very few heterosexual (in comparison) couples and none that have not had sex in a homosexual manner or had sex with someone who had sex with someone else in a homosexual manner") that this person is, in fact, *working* with an elected official, Rep. Kristen Hansen (R-Havre).

Take note, Rep. Hansen: this person's stated views and opinions will be all over your reelection campaign. (Which, given your district, may be a positive thing for you.) But there is no way on God's green Earth you will be able to escape being tarred with the same brush as your "consultant."

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Nicholas Schwaderer:

January 21st, 2011 at 7:59 am

There is a legitimate discussion to be had on the effectiveness of anti-discrimination laws in the state and nation.

Some will argue that the only way to provide solvency for discrimination is statutory protection- others may submit that social problems should be tackled socially before drafting legislation.

Whether you support the social solution or the state road, I don't feel that one's stance ought to change just because it's the LGBTIQ in the picture. This might be where some of us differ on opinion.

Racial discrimination laws cover everyone, not just minorities. Unless I misunderstand, these ordinances cover everyone as well, regardless of orientation.

I'm a "closet libertarian", so you can guess where I personally stand on the issue. That said I don't see the relevance of "debating" the origins of HIV, how clean a colon is or where we're intended to have sex.

That said, I've seen some pretty scary vaginas.. And as for "intended to have sex"- even us straight blokes won't object to the occasional blowy, yeah? ☺

That's all I have to say. Enjoy your discussion.

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Tweets that mention Missoula anti-discrimination ordinance could be under fire in Helena < Missoula Red Tape -- Topsy.com:

January 21st, 2011 at 2:24 pm

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